

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/916,395

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the RCE filed 7/5/07 and the amendment filed 8/6/07.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 58-75.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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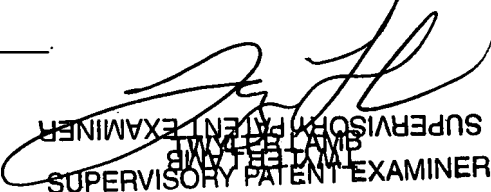
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submissions filed on 7/5/07 and 8/6/07 have been entered. Currently, claims 58-75 are pending.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments, see pages 7-10, filed 7/5/07, with respect to claims 58, 61, and 64 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejection of claims 1-57 has been withdrawn due to the cancellation of these claims.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 58-75 are allowed.
4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art of record does not disclose, teach, or suggest the claimed limitations of (in combination with all other limitations in the claims), a certificate issuing-verifying method for use in a certificate issuing verifying system comprising (a) a print terminal having print means for printing certificate data on a print form, microchip reading means for reading microchip ID in a microchip attached to said print form, input means for inputting personal certification ID, and print terminal communication means for communications, (b) a certificate issuer system in communication with said print terminal and having certificate issuer communication means for performing communication with said print terminal, certificate storage means for storing said certificate data, and issue management storage means for storing certificate issue management data, and (c) a verification terminal in communication with said certificate issuer system and having microchip reading means for reading microchip ID of a microchip attached to a print form on which certificate data is printed, display means for displaying received data, and verification terminal communication means for communications; the certificate issuing-verifying method comprising: sending said personal certification ID and said microchip ID to said certificate issuer system from said print terminal through said print terminal communication means; reading said certificate data in association with said personal certification ID from said certificate storage means of said certificate issuer system; storing said microchip ID and said certificate data to be issued in association with said issue management storage means of said certificate issuer system after said microchip ID is received at said certificate issuer system through said certificate issuer communication means; sending said read

certificate data through said certificate issuer communication means to said print terminal; printing said certificate data on said print form having said microchip attached thereto, after said certificate data is received at said print terminal through said print terminal communication means, said microchip having said read microchip ID; sending a microchip ID of a print form to said certificate issuer system from said verification terminal through said verification terminal communication means, after said microchip ID is read by said microchip reading means of said verification terminal; reading certificate data in association with said received microchip ID at said certificate issuer system with reference to said issue management storage means and said certificate storage means, and sending said certificate data to said verification terminal through said certificate issuer communication means; and displaying said certificate data on said display means, after said certificate data is received through said verification terminal communication means., as set forth in claim(s) 58 and similarly set forth in claims 61 and 64.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

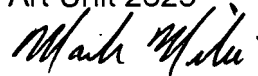
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mark R. Milia whose telephone number is (571) 272-7408. The examiner can normally be reached M-F 8:00am-4:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Twyler M. Lamb can be reached at (571) 272-7406. The fax number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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